<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please amend Claims 1 and 13, as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

an opening and closing member being openable and closable;

an exchangeable member detachably attachable to a body of said image forming apparatus and including a developer container for containing developer;

developer amount detecting means for detecting an amount of the developer contained said developer container;

a memory configured to store information concerning the amount of the developer detected by said detecting means;

control means for causing said detecting means to perform a detection operation for the developer a plurality of times <u>at a timing after the input of power into said image forming apparatus from a power source, after said exchangeable member is attached to the body of said image forming apparatus, or after said opening and closing member is closed</u>, performing a confirmation process for confirming <u>the amount of the developer on the basis of</u> a result of said detection operation ~~to confirm a detection result~~, and updating the information stored in said memory after confirming the <u>amount of the developer</u> ~~detection result~~; and

output means for outputting the information stored in said memory,

wherein said output means outputs the information concerning the amount of the developer <u>stored in said memory,</u> until the ~~detection result~~ <u>amount of the developer</u> is confirmed by the confirmation process, from ~~a~~ <u>the</u> timing after <u>the input of</u> power <u>into said image forming apparatus</u> from ~~a~~ <u>the</u> power source ~~of said apparatus is inputted,~~ ~~or~~ after said exchangeable member is <u>attached to the body of said image forming apparatus,</u> ~~loaded~~ or after said opening and

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closing member is closed, and outputs the updated information after the <u>amount of the developer</u> <s>detection result</s> is confirmed <u>by the confirmation process</u>.

2. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an agitating member configured and positioned to agitate the developer, and wherein said confirmation process is performed using the amount of developer obtained by causing said agitating member to perform a rotation operation a plurality of times, and causing said developer amount detecting means to perform a detection operation at a timing in accordance with said rotation operation of said agitating member.

3. (Cancelled)

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5. (Previously Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a display, wherein the information outputted from said output means is indicated on said display.

6. (Original) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said apparatus can communicate with an electronic apparatus having a display, and said output means outputs the information to the electronic apparatus.

7. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a video controller configured to develop image data transmitted from an external apparatus and producing an image signal, wherein said output means is provided in said video controller.

8. (Previously Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising comparing means for comparing the information concerning the amount of developer stored in said memory with the information concerning the amount of developer to be detected by said detecting means, wherein said comparing means is provided in said video controller.

9. (Previously Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information concerning the amount of developer is remaining developer amount information.

10. (Previously Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information concerning the amount of developer is information indicating that a remaining developer amount is less than a predetermined amount.

11. (Previously Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information concerning the amount of developer is information indicating that no developer remains.

12. (Previously Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information concerning the amount of developer is information indicating that a remaining

developer amount is less than a predetermined amount and information indicating that no developer remains.

13. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a developer container configured to contain developer;

developer amount detecting means for detecting an amount of the developer contained in said developer container;

a memory configured to store information concerning the amount of the developer detected by said detecting means;

control means for updating the information concerning the amount of the developer stored in said memory in accordance with a detection result of a detection operation of said detecting means; and

output means for outputting the information stored in said memory,

wherein said output means outputs one of the information concerning the amount of the developer stored in said memory and the information concerning the amount of the developer obtained from the detection result of said detecting means, the developer amount indicated by the output of one of the memory-stored information and the detection-result information being smaller than the developer amount indicated by the other of the memory-stored information and the detection-result information, and

wherein said control means does not update the information concerning the amount of the developer stored in said memory when the amount indicated by the information concerning the amount of the developer obtained from the detection result of said detecting means is larger than

the amount indicated by the information concerning the amount of the developer stored in said memory.

14. (Previously Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said output means outputs the information concerning the amount of the developer stored in said memory until a detection result of said detecting means is confirmed.

15. (Previously Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said output means outputs the information concerning the amount of the developer stored in said memory immediately after power from a power source of said apparatus is inputted thereinto.

16. (Previously Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein at least said developer container is detachably attachable to said apparatus, and said output means outputs the information concerning the amount of the developer stored in said memory immediately after said developer container is inserted in said apparatus.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising a display, wherein the information concerning the amount of the developer outputted from said output means is indicated on said display.

19. (Previously Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said apparatus can communicate with an electronic apparatus having a display, and said output means outputs the information concerning the amount of the developer to the electronic apparatus.

20. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising a video controller configured to develop image data transmitted from an external apparatus and producing an image signal, wherein said output means is provided in said video controller.

21. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus according to claim 20, further comprising comparing means for comparing the information concerning the amount of the developer stored in said memory with the information concerning the amount of the developer to be detected by said detecting means, wherein said comparing means is provided in said video controller.

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